

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Crown Point Police Officer Robert Ballas for his heroism in saving a toddler's life.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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Whereas, Police Officer Robert Ballas quickly responded to an ambulance dispatch to Aurelio's Restaurant where a two-year-old child was found choking. The child was in respiratory distress and cyanotic;

Whereas, Officer Ballas recalled his training as he properly executed the Heimlich maneuver on the toddler. The blockage was dislodged and the child regained breathing before the ambulance arrived;

Whereas, Crown Point Mayor David Uran presented the March Employee of the Month award to Police Officer Robert Ballas for his invaluable service in the protection of the child's life;

Whereas, This was just one of several life-saving opportunities in which Officer Ballas has been involved in the past year. In January 2010, Ballas performed the Heimlich maneuver on his choking nephew who had



swallowed a piece of plastic, and in March 2010, Ballas rescued a woman who had gone into cardiac arrest by performing CPR on her;

Whereas, In March 2011, Robert Ballas saved his fellow officer, Sgt. James Poling, when Poling choked on a chicken bone in a local restaurant. Ballas again performed the Heimlich maneuver, saving the desperate officer;

Whereas, Officer Ballas' quick response to crisis, coolness under pressure, and his proficiency in life-saving procedures have brought his heroism to the forefront of the Crown Point community;

Whereas, Officer Ballas' humility shines as an example to all people through his response at receiving the award, "I would like to say this, nothing I did was extraordinary. Any officer responding would have done the same thing and have the same outcome. I would also like to recommend all people learn these procedures (Heimlich maneuver and CPR). An hour or 90-minute training is nothing compared to the enjoyment a parent will get out of the full life of a child"; and

Whereas, The state of Indiana is grateful for Police Officer Robert Ballas' service to the state and his life-saving heroism in times of distress: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate honors Crown Point Police
2 Officer Robert Ballas for saving the life of a toddler and others in his
3 community.

4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
5 distribute a copy of this Resolution to Officer Robert Ballas.

